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Dear Sir:

An Appellant's Brief was filed (in triplicate) in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on October 6, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive the Examiner's Answer from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0456, under Order No. 21806-00085-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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